Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (currently amended): A method for determining the type of transmission of signaling information between a first and a second packet network terminal for a simplifying processing of the signaling information with relation to a dialogue with a speech dialogue system in a packet network, comprising:

providing a speech dialogue system without special hardware devices for the support of in-band signaling;

specifying the speech dialogue system ~~and is specified~~ as one of the packet network terminals;

avoiding codecs with in-band signaling for the transmission of signaling information; ~~and~~

determining either a codec with out-of-band-signaling supported by both packet network terminals or signaling by

specially labeled data packets for the transmission of
signaling information; and

in the case that for the transmission via the packet network a
codec with out-of-band signaling or signaling according to RFC
2833 supported by both packet network terminals cannot be
determined, a speech dialogue system supporting in-band
signaling is specified as a packet network terminal instead of
the speech dialogue system without special hardware for the
support of in-band signaling, and a coding method with in-band
signaling is determined for the transmission of the signaling
information.

Claim 15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (currently amended): A method for determining the
type of transmission of signaling information between a first
and a second packet network terminal for a simplifying
processing of the signaling information with relation to a
dialogue with a speech dialogue system in a packet network,
comprising:

providing a speech dialogue system without special hardware
for the support of in-band signaling;

specifying the speech dialogue system ~~and is specified~~ as the second packet network terminal;

determining a codec supported by both packet network terminals for the transmission of signaling information; ~~and~~

controlling the speech dialogue system by a control device that, independently of the selected codec, sends a signaling message to the first packet network terminal and that message stipulates the use of out-of-band signaling; and

in the case that the first packet network terminal does not permit out-of-band signaling for codecs supported by both packet network terminals, a speech dialogue system supporting in-band signaling is specified as a packet network terminal instead of the speech dialogue system without special hardware for the support of in-band signaling, and a coding method with in-band signaling is determined for the transmission of the signaling information.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The method according to claim 16, wherein, ~~that~~ with relation to a codec negotiation/determination, a codec is selected that is supported by both packet network terminals.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The method according to claim 16, wherein the transmission of signaling information with relation to ~~the~~ an automated information output is carried out by Dual Tone Multiple Frequency characters.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The method according to claim 16, wherein the speech dialogue system is controlled by a control device that is represented by a packet based exchange, a call server, a proxy server, or a soft switch.

Claim 20 (canceled)

Claim 21 (previously presented): The method according to claim 16, wherein with relation to the dialogue with the speech dialogue system, an automatic output of information, speech information, video information, or both is undertaken.

Claim 22 (previously presented): A device for a simplifying processing of signaling information with relation to a dialogue with a speech dialogue system in a packet network, comprising:

a speech dialogue system without hardware devices for the support of in-band signaling~~; and~~

a speech dialogue system with special hardware for the support
of in-band signaling; and

a control device adapted for the selection of one of the two
speech dialogue systems for a speech dialogue service or an
information output service dependent on the codecs offered at
the service requirement.~~controlling the speech dialogue~~
~~system,~~

~~whereby the device is set up such that in a selection of a~~
~~codec for an automated information output, codecs with in-band~~
~~signaling are not permitted.~~

Claim 23 (currently amended): The device according to ~~one of~~
~~the~~ claim 22, wherein the control device is represented by a
packet based exchange, a call server, a proxy server, or a
soft switch.

Claim 24 (new): The method according to claim 14, wherein
with relation to a codec negotiation/determination, a codec is
selected that is supported by both packet network terminals.

Claim 25 (new):   The method according to claim 14, wherein
the transmission of signaling information with relation to an

automated information output is carried out by Dual Tone

Multiple Frequency characters.

Claim 26 (new):   The method according to claim 14, wherein

the speech dialogue system is controlled by a control device

that is represented by a packet based exchange, a call server,

a proxy server, or a soft switch.

Claim 27 (new):   The method according to claim 14, wherein

with relation to the dialogue with the speech dialogue system,

an automatic output of information, speech information, video

information, or both is undertaken.